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SUBJECT: GOI REQUEST FOR COLLABORATION ON GEOPHYSICAL STUDY

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFFS (REPORTED SEPTTEL), PROFESSOR MICHAEL CAPUTO DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS PERTINENT TO AID PROGRAM OF RELIEF FOR FRIULI. IN LIGHT OF CONTINUING SEVERE TREMORS NO PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION IN THE EARTHQUAKE AREA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS. IT IS LIKELY IN HIS VIEW THAT INTERVENING EXPERIENCE MAY INDICATE FURTHER DELAYS. MEANWHILE, PROFESSOR CAPUTO SUGGESTED THAT ANY CONSTRUCTION UNDERTAKEN SHOULD BE LIGHT PREFABRICATION TO AVOID BOTH POSSIBLE INJURY AND LOSS OF LIFE AND FURTHER DISSIPATION OF MATERIAL ASSETS IF FURTHER STRONG TREMORS OCCUR. DISCLAIMING ANY SUBSTANTIAL ENGINEERING COMPETENCE, HE ADDED THAT FOR THE LONGER TERM HE HOPED TO SEE PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION ON A PREFABRICATED BASIS AS WELL USING THE LATEST ANTI-SEISMIC TECHNOLOGY. BEAUDRY

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